

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 472  
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. William P. "Bill" Murrey, Jr. of  
Pulaski for receiving the TIME Magazine Quality  
Dealer Award.

WHEREAS, it is important that this legislative body honor those Tennesseans whose  
professional accomplishments have redounded to the benefit of the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished person is Mr. William P. "Bill" Murrey, Jr., dealer and  
chairman of the board of Sharp Motor Company, Inc., in Pulaski, who this year is the recipient of  
the TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award, recognizing new car dealers for exceptional  
performance in their dealerships and distinguished community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murrey was honored at the opening business meeting of this year's  
National Automobile Dealers Association Convention, attended by more than 20,000 individuals  
involved in the automobile industry; and

WHEREAS, he was one of only 66 dealers, from more than 20,500 nationwide, to be  
nominated for the magazine's 27th national award, sponsored in association with Goodyear and  
in cooperation with the NADA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murrey and other winners were selected by a panel of faculty members  
from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration. In  
acknowledgment of the university's participation, TIME Magazine makes an annual grant of

scholarship funds to the graduate school of business administration in the names of TIME, Goodyear, NADA and all TMQDA winners; and

WHEREAS, Bill Murrey began his distinguished automotive career in 1949 as a salesman for Sharp Motor Company, in Pulaski. Four years later, he became a dealer, and now he markets Ford, Mercury, Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge automotive lines; and

WHEREAS, nominated to receive the 27th annual TMQDA by the Tennessee Automotive Association, Mr. Murrey has been a member of that organization since 1953 and has served as a past director. He has also been a member of the Ford Dealer Council, serving with alacrity as the council's vice chairman; and

WHEREAS, Bill Murrey is active in the Pulaski community, where he serves as vice president of the Pulaski Exchange Group. He is also a member of the board of directors of the local chamber of commerce and chairman of the Pulaski Electric System. Mr. Murrey is also a member of the board of trustees at Martin Methodist College, where he has served with acumen on the executive, finance and audit committees, and has received the president's Medallion Award; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and accolades aside, Bill Murrey is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his loving and supportive wife, Sara; their three sons, all of whom play an integral role in the dealership's operation; and one grandchild; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor those Tennesseans whose professional endeavors are credits to their family profession and state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Mr. William P. "Bill" Murrey, Jr., of Pulaski for receiving the TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award, and we extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.